

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
Early Intervention Committee Meeting

LOCATION  
Governor's Council Conference Room  
3601 C Street  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Teleconference

Meeting Date  
November 13, 2009  
9:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Debbie Kitelinger, Chair  
Mary Dietz  
Kama Gregory  
Margaret Kavanaugh  
Linda Borghols  
Susan Steele  
Amy Simpson

Community Members/Guests:

Geri Benshoof  
Brita Bishop  
Dorothy Erickson  
Patrick Pillai  
Michelle McCrea

Staff:

Teresa Holt

Prepared by:  
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**Call to Order – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Roll Call**

**Welcome from the Chair**

**Approval of the Agenda**

Amy Simpson made a **MOTION** to approve the agenda. Dorothy Erickson **SECONDED**. The agenda was approved.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Amy Simpson made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Susan Steele **SECONDED**. The minutes were **APPROVED**.

**New Voting Members**

Teresa Holt stated that the EIC can have 11 voting members and they currently have eight. Dorothy Erickson, Michelle McCrea and Patrick Pillai volunteered to be voting members.

**Review Indicators 3 (Part C) and 7 (Part B)**

Teresa Holt began by explaining that these indicators will be counted by OSEP beginning this next year. She stated that these indicators are looking at three different kinds of skills, positive social emotional skills, which could include social relationships; the acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, which could be early language, communication, pre-reading skills; and the use of appropriate behaviors to meet the child's needs.

She stated that there are five reporting categories under each of the three categories which are:

- ☒ Did not improve functioning,
- ☒ Improved functioning, but they are not moving closer to age-level peers,
- ☒ Improved functioning and are nearer to age-level peers, but they didn't reach them,

- ☒ Improved functioning and are at the same as age-level peers,
- ☒ Maintained functioning at the same level as same-aged peers.

Teresa Holt stated that starting in February 2010, they have to set targets for those five reporting categories. She stated that they have to set targets for two different categories which are called summary statements. The two categories are:

1. Of children who entered the program below age expectations, the percent that substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they exit the program.
2. The percent of children who are functioning within age expectations in the outcome area by the time they exit the program.

Teresa Holt stated that for Part C, they're using the Child Outcome Summary Form. Linda Borghols explained that it reflects the functional outcomes of a child and is a process using multiple measures. It's completed near entrance and near exit. Susan Steele explained that Part B is using the Child Outcome Summary Form as well.

Teresa Holt explained that in setting the targets, they need to be cognizant of the confidentiality of the children. States have been given some leeway to decide on how they're going to report on the data and this is something that the EIC can give input on.

There was a discussion regarding testing the child near the exit of the Infant Learning Program and then retesting them when they enter pre-school and the scores looking very different. Linda Borghols stated that there are some school districts that are using the Infant Learning exit child outcome as their entry level for pre-school. She suggested that the EIC could be supportive of school districts adopting this and making it more universal and to help with that communication and coordination. Linda stated that Fairbanks and Kenai are collaborating well on this issue and there may be others.

Teresa Holt will work with Linda Borghols to identify an urban, rural and a remote infant learning program and identify which ones are working well and then somehow share that information.

## **Progress on the Work Plan**

Teresa Holt stated that there has been a recent proposal by the Governor called the Governor's Performance Scholarship which would give students academic scholarships to Alaskan colleges based on GPA and other criteria. She stated that this may impact their work plan items around student loan forgiveness. She stated that if this proposal goes forward, they may need to switch gears and instead work with universities to start programs that would help early childhood.

Debbie Kitelinger stated they will switch the target date on the researching student loan forgiveness until mid December.

Debbie Kitelinger stated that at their January teleconference, they will need to ask for feedback on the results of the Georgetown project.

Teresa Holt stated that for the pre-school survey, they should have the results back and be able to report to the EIC at the January 13<sup>th</sup> teleconference. They also moved the sub goal to create a listserv for early childhood to mid February.

Susan Steele stated that she's hearing that people do want to have an Early Childhood Summit. She asked for members of the EIC to give suggestions on topics. They changed the target date for the second sub goal of the Early Childhood Summit to be mid December.

## **Report from OCS/ILP**

Linda Borghols stated that they had their coordinators' meeting a few weeks ago. She didn't have much else to add as everyone has been traveling and they haven't been able to get back together as a team.

Teresa Holt stated that she attended the coordinators' meeting and felt that there were going to be a lot of projects for EIC this year. She stated that the cost study has almost been completed and the EIC will be asked to give their input on it at some point. She also stated that they will need to give input to set targets for the Early Childhood Outcomes. There is a personnel committee that's looking at the SEED registry and training in the state, and Teresa felt that someone from the EIC should be involved in that committee. There will also be an overhaul of the IFSP form to make it more

parent friendly. There are also other projects that will be funded through ARRA funds that the EIC may be asked to give feedback on as well.

### **Report from AILPA**

Amy Simpson stated that she attended the Western Regional Resource Center Conference which was an overview of the APR writing for next year.

She learned at the conference that there are a lot of other states in crisis with no funding. She learned that the state of Alaska is doing well and far better than most states.

Amy Simpson stated that AILPA is doing some recruitment for speech/language pathologists at the national convention. She also stated that they have an AILPA representative, Ann Applebee, who will be going to Washington DC through AAIEYC and their legislative committee to participate in advocacy training.

Debbie Kitelinger asked Amy Simpson to research if any AILPA members would be willing to sit on the EIC as an ad hoc member.

Kama Gregory had some questions regarding advocacy for infant learning. Amy Simpson stated that she spoke with Erin Kinavey who recommended that she though they needed to start talking about the eligibility criteria to lay the ground work for future years.

### **Report from DEED**

Susan Steele stated that they have been doing monitoring trips and noted they were in Kenai last week, and they had very good student files and they were very impressed with their results.

### **Important Future Meetings/Conferences/Trainings**

Debbie Kitelinger stated that Maggie Ferry and Mary Dietz will be attending the Zero to 3 Conference. Amy Simpson, Debbie Kitelinger, Sarah Souders and Teresa Holt will be attending OSEP. ASSEC is scheduled for February.

### **Other Business**

Teresa Holt stated that they have had a couple of people from the deaf community express an interest in sitting on the EIC, Liz Andrews and Mahala Slone. She stated that she will be in touch with them.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the EIC will be on December 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.